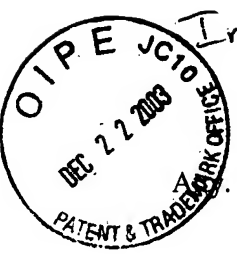


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Application No. 10/071,144)
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FOR MOSFET GATE ELECTRODES)

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Amendment

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, claims 1-4 and 10-13 were pending. Claims 1-4 are allowed but requiring the cancellation of claims 10-13 as a matter of formality.

Applicants hereby cancel without prejudice claims 10-13. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the canceled claims 10-13.

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Respectfully submitted,
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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-referenced application.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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